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Clinton Keeps Promise of Diversity



Mike Espy, Secretary of Agriculture

Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., Deputy Secretary of State



Dr. Joycelyn Elders, U.S. Surgeon General



Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education



Zoe Baird, Attorney General



Hazel O'Leary, Secretary of Energy

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—President-elect Bill Clinton, in keeping with his campaign promise to create a government that "looks like America," has appointed a diverse group of senior administration officials—eight women, two of whom are African American; four African-American males and two Hispanics rounded out this diversity.

Clinton, on election night, said that one of America's greatest chal-

lenges is of harnessing the strength of America's diversity "... to bring our people together as never before so that our diversity can be a source of strength in a world that is ever smaller, where everyone counts and everyone is a part of America's family."

The final appointments, announced on Christmas Eve, include: Federico Pena, Secretary of Transportation; Mike Espy, Secretary of

Agriculture; Dr. Joycelyn Elders, U.S. Surgeon General; Zoe Baird, Attorney General; Mickey Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; John W. Gibson, Director of the Office of Science and Technology; and former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of Interior.

Earlier this month, Mr. Clinton announced the following appointments: Lloyd Bentsen, Secretary of

State; Roger Altman, Deputy Secretary of Treasury; Leon Panetta, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; Alice Rivlin, Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget; Robert Rubin, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy; Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor; Laura Tyson, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers; Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services;

Carol Browner, Administrator of the EPA; Ron Brown, Secretary of Commerce; Mack McLarty, White House Chief of Staff; Henry Cisnoes, Secretary of HUD; Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Herschel Gober, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Hazel O'Leary, Secretary of Energy; Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education; Warren Christopher, Secretary of State; Dr. Clifton R. Wharton,

Jr., Deputy Secretary of State; Les Aspin, Secretary of Defense; Anthony Lake, National Security Advisor; Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger, Deputy National Security Advisor; R. James Woolsey, Director of the CIA; Madeline K. Albright, UN Ambassador; and William J. Crowe, Jr., Chair of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Final approval of designees is contingent on Senate approval.

A fond farewell to Dizzy

The world said good-bye to jazz trumpeter extraordinaire and founding father of bebop, Dizzy Gillespie, on Wednesday, January 6.

Gillespie rose to fame during the Big Band Era. He and other young musicians experimented with new musical styles in all-night jam sessions in clubs throughout Harlem. Out of these sessions came a form of music that broke down the old jazz structures.

"Bebop," as it was named by Gillespie, combined complex new rhythms and chords to produce a new, fresh beat. Gillespie took jazz to a new level with his fast-paced style and continued to nurture the music when he collaborated with Cuban musicians to give the Afri-

can-American music a Latin beat.

Born John Birks Gillespie on October 21, 1917, in Cheraw, S.C., "Dizzy" — as he was named because of his zany nature — was the youngest of nine children.

Inheriting his father's love for music, Dizzy began his musical journey on the piano. Later, in the third grade, he fell in love with his friend's new trumpet and played it whenever he had the opportunity.

The Gillespie family moved to Philadelphia in 1935, and soon after, Dizzy moved to New York.

In 1939 Dizzy met a young dancer named Lorraine Willis who helped him to join the Cab Calloway Orchestra. Dizzy married Lorraine

the following year. Their marriage, which lasted his lifetime, gave him stability that set him apart from many musicians.

Gillespie outlived many of his peers, in life and career. He largely avoided the drug and alcohol scenes that claimed many lives and careers.

With his cheeks puffed and the bell of his uniquely shaped horn pointed toward the heavens, Dizzy trained young musicians, toured and played up to 300 nights a year well into his 70's.

The legendary trumpeter, who was being treated for pancreatic cancer at the time of his death, died in his sleep at Englewood Hospital. He was 75.



Msgr. William Linder

Msgr. Linder, one of 53 inauguration honorees

by Nicol Diarra Davis

Monsignor William Linder, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish and founder of New Community Foundation (NCC) in Newark, will be one of 53 people chosen by Bill Clinton to be honored during the festivities of the Presidential inauguration this month.

Throughout his travels during his presidential campaign, President-elect Clinton met various people who he believed epitomized his message of hope and change. Clinton, his family, Vice-president-elect Al Gore and the Gore family

have invited fifty-three of those people, all expenses paid, to participate in the events scheduled throughout the weekend. They will also have lunch with the Clintons and Gores in honor of their individual achievements.

After the riots of 1967, the Central Ward of Newark was left almost completely devastated. Many people suffered grave losses, and crime and violence were on the rise. A group of residents, led by Father Linder, wanted to rebuild the Central Ward and uplift its people.

The efforts of the group touched others, and New Community Foundation, the fund-raising branch of NCC, was formed. The foundation was able to raise \$100,000 for NCC to buy two acres of land for its first housing development.

Today, NCC houses 6000 residents in ten complexes, containing over 2400 units. The staff of NCC offers its residents job-training programs, daycare and other social services so that they may take control of their own lives, "confirm their own dignity and determine their own destiny."

In 1990, NCC opened a shopping center in the Central Ward. The center contains a Pathmark supermarket — the first supermarket in Newark since the riots in 1967, from which NCC reaps two-thirds of the profits — a Dunkin' Donuts and a World of Food Restaurant.

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Dizzy Gillespie



An American Ceremony

WASHINGTON, DC—"Ring out the old, ring in the new." These traditional New Year's words take on special significance in 1993, as Americans welcome Bill Clinton as our 42nd president on January 20.

That date heralds one of our nation's few bows to pomp, pageantry and spectacle — the inaugural ceremony.

America's first president, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789. The ceremony was simple. Washington took the 35-word oath required by Article II, section 1, of the U.S. Constitution to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." He then delivered his inaugural address — a ritual that is still the heart and soul of our present-day inaugural ceremony.

The inaugural address is the new president's first opportunity to share his vision of the country's future

with the American public. Most Americans, young and old, are familiar with the more stirring presidential addresses, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was able to infuse a Depression-weary public with hope through his words, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." And John F. Kennedy's rousing call of "ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country" is one of the most memorable lines of any presidential inaugural address.

Less-than-successful inaugural speeches include Franklin Pierce's vain attempts to be heard over a howling blizzard in 1853 and Rutherford B. Hayes's equally vain attempts in 1877 to drown out boos and catcalls provoked by his disputed election to the presidency.

Probably the most disastrous inaugural speech, both

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

ROSELLE PARK—A six session self-help group, sponsored by Women for Women of Union County, for women whose relationships with men have usually been destructive will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, Chestnut Street. To register call 908-232-5787.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

SUMMIT—New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will host a Bus Trip to New York. Visit New York museums and galleries, or wherever you wish. Call NJCVA for ticket prices and more info, 908-273-9121.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

SUMMIT—The Concord Singers, a women's choral group, will begin rehearsals for its spring concert, scheduled for May 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue. Come join. Prior choral experience is helpful. For more info call 908-273-3877.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Public Library will celebrate 90 years of providing excellent service to the City's citizens with an Open House at the Main library between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

SUMMIT—Fair Oaks Hospital is offering a free forum entitled "Conquering Fear: Help for panic and anxiety" from 7-9 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel. To register for the lecture call Fair Oaks Hospital Outreach Services Department at 908-277-9016.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

JERSEY CITY—"Wholistic Medicine," a workshop discussing traditional and modern medicine institutions and the effectiveness of their delivery systems, will be held at 7 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library, 489 Bergen Avenue, as part of the Community Awareness Series. For more info call 201-547-6907.

Remembering Martin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

PLAINFIELD—The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the Langston Hughes Lecture Series, "Where to From Here — Chaos or Community?" at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue and West Eighth Street, at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

PLAINFIELD—The Neighborhood House, 644 West Fourth Street, is sponsoring "Working Toward Keeping the Dream Alive," a program featuring African poetry, music, and soul food sampling, at 7 p.m. at the house. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

NEWARK—The Newark YMCA will sponsor the 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Robert Teitel Hotel, 50 Park Place. Congressman Donald M. Payne will speak on the significance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and "I Have a Dream." Tickets are \$20 per person. Seats are limited. For more info call the YMCA at 201-596-8824.

PLAINFIELD—The Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is sponsoring a "Not Just On His Birthday, But Every Day: An Artistic Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at Plainfield High School, East Seventh Street and Woodland Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children and senior citizens.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

IRVINGTON—The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee of Irvington announces the 8th Annual Tribute honoring the life and work of Dr. King, to be held at Irvington High School, 1253 Clinton Avenue. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

JERSEY CITY—"Freedom Must Be Demanded," a cultural performance reflecting on Dr. King and the People's Movement, will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library, 489 Bergen Avenue. Valerie Catley, President of NJ Anti-Apar-

theid Mobilization Coalition, will be the keynote speaker. Admission is free. For more info call 201-547-4505 or 201-547-6907.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City branch of the NAACP presents its 12th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel in East Rutherford at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Dr. James Watley, pastor of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark, will address the gathering on the theme of "Reach Out and Touch." For detailed information contact your church or the Jersey City branch of the NAACP, 201-333-3697.

PLAINFIELD—The Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is sponsoring "Then and Now, the Sights and Sounds of Change," a Visual Portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr., at Plainfield High School, Park Avenue and West Eighth Street, from 2-4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

PLAINFIELD—The National Council of Negro Women will sponsor "The Living of His Dream: Youth in Unity," presentations on Martin Luther King's dreams, with an afternoon of music, dance and soul food at Maxson Middle School, East Seventh Street and Woodland Avenue, at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$6.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

NEW BRUNSWICK—Dr. Rev. Calvin O. Butts, III, will participate in a program at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, New and Nelson Streets, at 12:30 p.m. Admission \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

PLAINFIELD—The Annual Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast will be held in the Plainfield High School Cafeteria, 950 Park Avenue. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. DeForest "Buster" Soaries of First Baptist Church in Somerset. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens and students.

PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Rose of Sharon Church, 835 W. 7th Street, from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Toss out the garbage

In my previous column, I began to give you specific steps to take to get your life together. Here are more things that you need to do.

10. Have the guts to dump the negative garbage out of your life. (Don't hold onto something that is making you miserable.)

You are not chained to anything in this life. Life is much too short and much too precious to allow it to be filled with stress, turmoil, and unhappiness. Are your friends driving you crazy? Dump them. Find new friends. Is your day-to-day life making you miserable? Move to another neighborhood. Do things differently. You can control most of the essential elements in your life that make you happy or unhappy. Control them now. Decide that you will never be unhappy again and make a new life for yourself. It's your choice.

11. Have the guts to reach out and grab what you need. (Don't be afraid to ask someone — the right person — for help.)

Swallow your pride and open your mouth. "I need your help. Will you help me?" If you are turned down when you ask for help, do it again and again and again. Someone will eventually give you the help that you need, if you keep asking. You need help. I need help. Everyone needs help, even doctors, lawyers, and teachers need help, sometimes. But you may only get help if you ask for it. So, reach out and grab the first helpful person who comes along.

12. Ignore what most people say about you. (Don't take everything personally.)

"You make me sick," Jane made this statement to Roy. But she was actually expressing her feelings about herself — feelings of insecurity. She had just had an argument with another friend, so she attacked Roy. Roy had not harmed her in any way, but she knew that Roy wouldn't fight back, so she took out her frustration on him. Often, people who do not like themselves attack other people whom they envy, whom they feel are better than they. Sometimes when you are criticized, you are actually being praised (in a weird sort of way). In other words, a person who attacks you may really think that you are better than they. They attack you in order to make you feel bad, as punishment for their feelings of inadequacy. This person is a bully. Don't take everything personally. The other person might be begging for help, and, don't you be a bully.



TRENTON—Trenton State College will host a special day-long tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A two-hour long observance celebration will be held from 12:40-2:50 p.m. in the Clayton R. Brower Student Center, Rev. Vernon Christopher King, nephew of Dr. King, will be the keynote speaker. For more info on the events, call TSC associate professor and member of the Martin Luther King Day Committee, Roosevelt Butler, 609-771-3068, or Dean of Academic Support Yvonne Watson, 609-771-2576.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

NEWARK—"Sing in Praise of King!" is an annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., hosted by the City of Newark. This year, the event will be held at 7 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street. For more info call 201-733-6454.



"Orange Mayor for a Day" recipients 1 to Eithel Byrd, Charles Battista, "Mayor" Norman Talmadge, Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange, Naomi Rock, Jacqueline Abbott.

Mayor Brown hosts fourth annual holiday luncheon for Orange seniors

ORANGE—Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange welcomed over six hundred Orange Older Adults to his Fourth Annual Holiday Luncheon for the town's senior citizens. The festive affair was again held at the Peppermint Entertainment Complex on Central Avenue.

In addition to an elegant holiday meal, and entertainment each senior received red poinsettias and a special holiday card from the Mayor. The program also included the annual crowning of the "Senior Mayor for a Day" recipients, as well as, the presentation of awards to local businesses and noteworthy volunteers who have continually contributed to uplifting the quality of life for Orange seniors.

ange seniors.

Businessmen recognized included Marvin Wyche of Wendy's; Vincent LaRocca of Foodtown Supermarket; and Allen Dulantash; and Morris Schuller of D Street Corporation. Former Friendly Visitor Coordinator Madeline Frost and Senior Orange Transportation bus driver Wylie Gaines were also recognized. "It is always a pleasure to come together with you, the pearls of wisdom of our town. You represent our town's strong link to the past, its traditions and rich culture. Thank you for always being there for us. We will continue to be there for you," commented Mayor Brown in his season's greetings.

In an emotionally charged presentation, A. Trudie Catlin, a longtime senior activist and resource person from Orange, received a proclamation from the Mayor proclaiming A. Trudie Catlin Day. The festive affair ended with the highlight of the afternoon, the crowning of the Senior Mayor for a Day and Deputy mayors. This year's winners are Deputy Mayors Naomi Rock of Elm Street; Eithel Byrd of Thomas Blvd.; Charles Battista of Milton Place; and Jacqueline Abbott of High Street. The Mayor for a Day will be Norman Talmadge of Hickory Street. The "mayor" and his deputies will spend a day with Mayor Brown in May during senior citizen month.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

The following is a weekly summary of top national news events affecting the African-American community compiled by the National Black News Survey (NBNS).

■ **Clinton cabinet:** Record number of blacks: President-elect Bill Clinton's 15-member cabinet will include four blacks, the largest number of African-American members to be named to the top levels of government in U.S. history. Fulfilling a campaign promise to nominate a cabinet "which looks like America," Clinton selected five white males, four white females, three black men, one black woman and two Hispanic males to help him run the executive branch of government for the next four years. The blacks in his cabinet are Jesse Brown, 48, Veterans Affairs; Richard Brown, 51, Commerce Department; Mike Espy, 39, Agriculture Department; and Hazel O'Leary, 55, Energy Department. None of the nominees is expected to have any trouble being confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

■ **Elders says marijuana O.K. for medical purposes:** President-elect Bill Clinton's appointee as U.S. Surgeon General, says Dr. C. V. Elders, the use of marijuana for medical purposes. According to Joycelyn Elders, currently the director of the Arkansas Health Department, "If the doctor feels marijuana would be beneficial to the patient, it should be available." The 59-year-old black pediatrician pointed out that there is strong evidence marijuana can be of benefit to persons suffering from glaucoma, cancer and AIDS. The Elders' appointment could be delayed, however, because the term of current Surgeon General, Antonio Novello, does not end until March, 1994. But Clinton aides hint that Novello may be asked to resign so Elders can take the post this coming summer. Elders says he plans to distribute condoms and contraceptives in high schools.

■ **Mumme to be a powerful force in Congress:** When the U.S. Congress convenes in January, one of its most powerful members could well be Maryland Representative Craig Mumme, the newly elected head of the Congressional Black Caucus. With a record 40 members, the caucus will be its strongest in history. And, since all the caucus members, except one, are Democrats, the role Mumme may play with a Democrat in the White House is viewed as being even greater. Mumme, from the 7th District in Baltimore, capturing the chairmanship by beating off a challenge by Houston Representative Craig Washington. Mumme was first elected to Congress in 1982. —BALTIMORE, MD

■ **Court clears way for trial of white supremacist:** The Mississippi Supreme Court, in a contentious 4-to-3 vote, has cleared the way for accused white supremacist Byron De La Beckwith to be tried a third time for the 1963 murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers. Two previous all-white juries were unable to reach a verdict. Both earlier trials took place in 1964. Beckwith is now 72 and has argued that he should not stand trial because of his poor health. Prosecutors believe Beckwith shot Evers in the back because he was trying to register black voters. The Evers killing is often viewed as one of the turning points of the civil rights movement. —JACKSON, MS

■ **Blacks win legal, political battle in Cincinnati:** U.S. District Judge Herman Weber has ruled in favor of a lawsuit filed by a group of African-American voters in Cincinnati. The lawsuit charged that Cincinnati's at-large system of electing members to the city council was discriminatory because it diluted black voting strength and made it harder for blacks to win election. Judge Weber agreed and gave the city until December 31 to submit a new election procedure. —CINCINNATI, OH

■ **In Carol Moseley Braun getting married?** Chicago gossip columnists were busy with speculation recently that the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate — Carol Moseley Braun — was about to get married. Braun was not immediately available for comment because she was vacationing in South Africa with her campaign manager, Kgosile Matthews. Senator-elect Braun and Matthews, who is from South Africa, have been romantically linked for some time. —CHICAGO, IL

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'The Press and Politics: A Partnership for Black America'

African-American publishers and politicians meet in 'power-partnership'

by William Reed

Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder, Florida Congressman-elect Alcee Hastings, the Chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and the Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation are among the top African-American leaders who will be participating in this winter's conference of the Black Press of America, which will be held January 21-23 in Orlando, FL.

The conference is titled "The Press and Politics: A Partnership for Black America," and it will bring America's black publishers and politicians together in a power-partnership for the first time since the historical 1992 elections that increased African-American representation in the U.S. Congress to its highest numbers since Reconstruction.

Governor Wilder is the nation's first elected black governor. He has been Virginia's top elected official for the past 3 years and was a leading contender for the Democratic Party's nomination for President of the U.S. Alcee Hastings has been in the national and civil rights spotlight for many years. A former federal judge, Hastings was impeached by the same congress that he becomes a member of in early January. Among the activist in Miami, and along the

nation's legal group, Hastings' impeachment was overturned by another federal judge even before his election to a newly-created South Florida congressional district in November.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is a trade association of 200 newspapers formed in 1940 to bring together publishers of African-American-owned newspapers in the interest of advancing their mutual economic and professional concerns.

According to NNPA President, Robert Bogle, "This press and political conference is an example of the public service responsibilities and involve-

ment of the NNPA toward facilitating the general advancement of the African-American public. We invite the general public to join us in our Orlando conference."

NNPA Conference Coordinator Dana Fields explained that the Florida meeting will be a vehicle to help the publishers' organization to celebrate the achievements of those blacks gaining new political clout, and to better inform readers on subjects of timely interest to them. In reference to the goals of the conference, she believes that the personal and national achievements (continued on page 10)

Inaugural memorabilia store opens

by Larry A. Still

Vernon E. Jordan, chairman of the Clinton/Gore Transition Board, and Deputy Director Alexis M. Herman officially opened the Inaugural Commemorative Store at a colorful, ribbon-cutting ceremony in Washington, D.C., during Christmas week.

The swank new Washington store, about eight blocks from the White House, was designed by African-American Brian G. Thornton,

an AIA project architect.

Displaying licensed products made in 14 states, including Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana, New Mexico, New York and Virginia, the store will sell souvenir medallions, jewelry, ornaments, and special presidential automobile plates directly to the public, by mail order and through telemarketing. Distinct from previous inaugurations, the items are not being distributed through small vendors. Stores may be opened in other cities.

"I am going to purchase some

souvenirs and I hope the public will also, so we can pay for this inaugural," said Jordan laughingly referring to the \$20 million estimated budget for the five-day presidential installation period, January 17-21, for President-elect Bill Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore.

"People from across the country will be in Washington to participate in the inaugural.... The products sold in the commemorative store (and by mail and telephone) will remind them of this time.... when they get back home....," to display the souvenirs

Jordan declared.

Paul Storch, president of Inaugural Commemoratives, Inc., emphasized that "the spirit of the inaugural is to be as accessible, inclusive and diverse as possible. To that end, we have made every effort to include products from across the United States, made by companies reflecting that diversity."

Catalogs and information on gifts available may be obtained by calling 800-262-2222 or by visiting the store at 1741 St. NW, near downtown Washington.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Keeping His Promises

You can always tell institutions, organizations, groups in general from the tone set by the leadership of the group. This has been most apparent during the last administration, when leadership not only ignored blacks but deliberately used racist tactics to divide this country.

Before Christmas day, President-Elect Bill Clinton gave Americans what he had promised during his campaign. He began to create a "government that looks like America." President-Elect Clinton named a cabinet of qualified and diverse Americans who will be charged with restoring faith in the American.

Hopefully President Clinton will continue to act courageously in his campaign promises because many people are waiting anxiously to see the kind of leadership that heals, that broadens, and that sets the tone for all of us to accomplish the American dream.

by Connie Woodruff

Thanks to Essex County Freeholder Sara Bost and her Democratic colleagues on the freeholder board it may be many, many years before another African American steps up to the presidency.

Bost was re-elected board president at the recent re-organization meeting, and she nominated James Cunningham of Livingston to be vice-president. He will automatically become president when Bost completes her second term next January.

Under a new set of by-laws Bost's second term begins a system of rotating the presidency — unless the by-laws are amended again to satisfy the prevailing political agenda

of some aspiring leader.

It was common gossip that Bost would be ousted as president by either Joe Parlevacchio or James Cavanaugh. It turned out to be neither. Parlevacchio nominated her for a second term, and she nominated Cavanaugh to be her successor.

There-organization of the board of freeholders was a series of bizarre events. The weirdest turn of events was the introduction of a new post on the nine member board.

In the future, duties, responsibilities and certain privileges will rest with a majority leader, who appears to have more power than the president. The seven Democrats who comprise the freeholder majority set up the office in a pre-organization caucus and selected Joe Parlevacchio

for the office, making it unnecessary to challenge Bost's bid for a second term.

Bost said the Democratic majority decided at its caucus to select Parlevacchio as its leader, while Republican freeholder Arthur Clay accused Parlevacchio of "political chicanery," and a "convoluted attempt to emasculate the office of president and usurp the power and control of the board for himself."

Staunch supporters of the Newark freeholder describe the move as "smart politics" and an effort to "get things done that will help the county."

There is no doubt the majority leader will be the real powerhouse on the freeholder board. He will:

* hear the seven member Democratic majority block caucus and preside over its meeting.

* review resolutions and ordinances prior to their introduction, simultaneous with the review conducted by the president.

* act as liaison between the Democratic majority, state legislators and Tom D'Alesio in his dual roles as county executive and party chairman.

* attend leadership meetings between the board president and Tom D'Alesio.

There's no telling what else will happen to enhance the power and prestige of the new office.

Presumably Mr. Parlevacchio will have an easier time leaving his job as principal of Layton Street School than Ms. Bost has had as an administrator for a New York-based bank.

If you think that's queer, now hear this: the two Republican freeholders insisted Arthur Clay be sworn in as the minority leader for the loyal opposition. He was, even though the by-laws do not call for a "minority leader" per se and have

not designated what his duties, responsibilities and privileges (if any) will be in the office.

It is difficult to understand why the black freeholders went along with a deal that so far seems to benefit only Mr. Parlevacchio and Mr. Cavanaugh.

Surely they haven't forgotten January 1992 when Sara Bost fought so hard to become board president that she formed an unholy alliance with Republicans to wrest the leadership from Joe Parlevacchio, and lined up hundreds of black community activists and political leaders to support her efforts.

She may have won the battle in winning a second term as president, but obviously she lost the war when she agreed to support a rotating presidency.

African-American females have not come so well under Essex County Democratic Party leadership.

Remember when Pearl Beatty of Newark was a freeholder? She was permitted to serve one term as board president then she was denied party support for re-election.

Beatty was succeeded by Jerome (Jerry) Greco, who served as president for seven years before he was replaced by Tom Giblin (now Suriano) who was president for two years; followed by Joe Parlevacchio's three-term presidency until he was defeated for another term by incumbent Sara Bost.

Other black women who have held seats on Essex County freeholders include Adrienne Davis (now Clerk to the board), Delores Battle and Corinna Kay-Williams.

Mildred Barry-Garvin was an effective Assemblywoman, but when she was no longer in favor with the political bosses, she was dropped from the party line and has been (continued on page 10)

The powers that be

by William Reed

If God had a direct message for the African American community, what color messenger would He, or She, send to us? If God wrote editorial tidings to blacks in America, in what publications would the Almighty place The Words.

In order to communicate meaningful messages to and about us, God should utilize the mediums that have been most traditional and credible for us. If God delivered our Divine Directions via publications such as the New York or L.A. "Times" He would, like so many of our mainstream brothers and sisters, be ignoring the medium that has endured for a century and a half chronicling the issues, concerns and needs of Black America.

The Black Press has been the root of the black community since its early role in eliminating slavery. It is one of Black America's most basic and long-lasting business entities. The nation's 200 black newspapers have been, and remain, a torch lighting the road toward freedom for us. It has been the single American institution that has sought out, wrote about, and presented the needs, successes and trials of blacks.

Throughout the years, blacks in the business of publishing, such as Marcus Garvey, have waged a continuing struggle against both overt and covert racism — a struggle in which the majority press has played a very negligible and sometimes inflammatory role.

If black readers, and their Deity, actually deal with the reality of our condition in America, there will

be a realization that the fundamental issues affecting us are not, and have no reason to be, the province of the white press. If the state of equality is to be, it will have to come from people who look, and think, like you and me.

The contemporary powers that are in place for blacks are the press and our elected officials. An example of the leadership and advocacy being carried by the Black Press into the 1990s is the group's Mid-Winter Convention this January.

With 40 African Americans planning to enter the halls of Congress this session, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is hosting a forum with them to discuss and deliver the concerns of their readers about the present state of public policy.

Entitled "The Press and Politics: A Partnership for Black America," this forum will facilitate the black power molding vital to blacks gaining louder voices in American society. A union of black business publishers and elected officials, such as Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder and Congressmen-elect Alcee Hastings, looks well for helping to elevate the level and volume of African-American issues and discussion of their issues.

The majority of white legislators, and media, have deemed any attempt by the federal government to legislate an improvement in the social conditions of black and poor people in the United States, "irrelevant." The increased number of blacks in the national legislature in 1993 can have significant impact on forging better public policy for

blacks. If the Black Press acts in concert with these new black political powers, together they have the power to break our past cycle of social and economic "exclusion."

As a matter of pursuing their basic business interests, the publishers of White America's newspapers seem to have never heard of economic racism, and from their actions appear to have no plans to do so. Even those of us who crave integration, at all costs, will admit that providence and foresight for blacks will only come from our established institutions. The corporate media has continually dismissed the exploitative policies of the American government, its judicial system, employment patterns and overall conditions of blacks.

From a social survival perspective, all blacks need to deal with a fact presented by black publishers through the years: "The only people who can save us, is us." While the "Times" of London, New York, Washington, L.A., and elsewhere, are fine for their kind of people and their kind of issues, the positive directions for us will only come from those who know, and care about us.

The eyes and ears of Black America should be on the powers that will be in Orlando, FL, January 20th-23rd. The tone and tenor of directions for, and about, blacks has a better chance for presentation there than for Divine Words being provided for us via white-owned newspapers.

Talent that crosses over

By Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

Again, I come to Zora Neale Hurston, bearing on the question of racial separatism.

"I do not wish to close the frontiers of life upon my own self. I do not wish to deny myself the expansion of seeking into individual capabilities and depths by living in a space whose boundaries are race and nation."

Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960) and many other women broke the turn of the 20th Century barrier through the barriers of race and nation. These women of great

courage and great talent crossed over; suffering as many of them did for being aware of and trusting in their talent and for expressing it boldly — they refused to be bound. Talent will not be bound; it must cross over.

In the afterword of Harper Perennial's reprint edition of Hurston's autobiography "Dust Tracks on a Road," Henry Louis Gates, Jr., writes "If her [Hurston's] earlier obscurity and neglect today seem inconceivable, perhaps now, she has crossed over."

Talent won't be bound; and it isn't, nor need not be, a scarce commodity. Brenda Ueland (1891-1955), a distinguished Minnesota writer and teacher born in the same year as Hurston says "Everybody is talented, original and has something important to say. . . . Thoughts that well up inside and go out to someone, silently or aloud."

We all have talent. But only a few of us are sufficiently aware of it and confident in it to use it in a way that raises the rest of us to higher ground.

Talent that crosses over, combines with the talent of others, and raises the world to another plane. Zora Neale Hurston was this kind of talent. So was Josephine Baker (1896-1975). Baker was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Awakened to her talent in Paris, France. Like Zora Neale, she crossed over in the forties — but the NAACP wasn't ready so leadership conspired to shut her up, and run her career in the process. Integration wasn't fashionable in 1940s America and likely the NAACP was running scared — scared of a black woman's courage, scared it would lose its birthright

of the mind and mouth of the black community.

But this woman's talent would not be bound. When the U.S. military in the 1940s needed an able advocate of integration, they called Josephine Baker. She integrated in advance into her act, and got soldiers fighting on the same side. In World War II she worked in the French Resistance and was awarded the Croix de Guerre and Legion d'Honneur with the motto of the Resistance. Returning again and again to the United States, she defied segregationists insisting that her audiences be integrated — on the main floor of the theatre. In her

personal life in France, Baker raised up the title she called her "rainbow family," children of many races and nations adopted by her in an experiment in brotherhood. Like very few people, Josephine Baker embodied what Hurston must have meant by going beyond the boundaries of race and nation.

Talent that defies the boundaries of race and nation links two lives forever in America's history. The lives of Marian Anderson (1902-) and Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962). In "Women of Courage" (Morrow, 1976), Margaret Truman compares the courage of these women on the occasion of the 1939 DAR Constitution Hall incident.

"If Mrs. Roosevelt had been a general," Truman writes, "she would have favored the bold frontal assault. Marian Anderson, on the other hand, would have been the kind of military leader who concentrated on building up superior strength and then lies back and lets the enemy try to vainly to defeat her."

In a segregated, male dominated America before World War II women of great courage and talent often established their confidence by practicing their art in European capitals. Josephine, Eleanor and Marian. When their work reached its zenith, audiences across the world, including mixed audiences in the United States, rose to their feet in unreserved tribute.

The 32nd Annual United Nations Concert at Kennedy Center in the District of Columbia was a tribute to Marian Anderson. In the audience I saw many nations and races united not only in tribute but in the degree to which all were moved by a great talent, by the memory of it,

and by the preservation of it in the voice of a young Mezzo-soprano, Denyce Graves.

Talent not only crosses over in great women born near the turn of the century. It also crosses over today in singers like soprano Jessye Norman (1945-) in "Aida" and "Tannhauser" or singing the "Crucifixion" and politicians like Carol Mosley Braun (1947), the first black woman elected to the Upper House of the U.S. Congress.

Braun's talent crosses over — despite the detractors. In her run for the Senate when they complained about her spending too much time with the "other folks, Braun made

it clear that she would not be bound by race. "If this campaign is about race," she said, "It is that the people of this state [Illinois] can get beyond race."

Talent will not be bound — unless someone binds it. It will cross over for the good of all nations and races.

Colleges and universities in America must encourage talent that crosses over, talent not bound by race and nation. Colleges must ease the way, make the course easier for present and future generations of women, than it was for women of the turn of the century, and even for

those born at mid century like Norman and Braun.

We Americans must raise ourselves (or allow ourselves to be raised) to higher ground. To do this we must elicit, actively encourage, and actively support the talents and the significance of working alongside any and all races and nations. Talent that crosses over. American colleges must do for the confidence of women of color what Europe did for Roosevelt, Baker, Anderson, Norman, and to some extent, Hurston.

Colleges of all stripes must teach and support, but stop protecting races within races — as I race

were a racial criterion for anything. Let students test themselves, stretch themselves, find themselves able and talented. Let them find voice in and through their talents. Let students no longer "close the frontiers of life upon [themselves]" or live "in a space whose boundaries are race and nation." Let talent be. Let it be free. Stop smothering it and cutting it down. Let it cross over for the good of all races and nations.

"Dr. Carolyn L. Bennett is a writer and former educator who lives in Northern Virginia."

Quote of the Week

"We need to redesign our [school] system so that parents and students are at the center of the learning community, not the bottom of the education hierarchy..."

—Jim Florio, Governor of New Jersey

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'Hall Pass'

a new radio program for students

WAYNE—"Hall Pass," a new half-hour program aimed at high school listeners, recently debuted on WPSC-FM, the radio station of William Paterson College.

The program, which airs every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at 88.7 on the FM dial, covers a variety of issues affecting adolescents—including music, television, education, dating relationships, and other serious issues such as drugs and alcohol.

Developed by Drew Jacobs,

WPSC's general manager, "Hall Pass" is hosted by David J. Paterno of Flanders, a WPC graduate student in communications. Paterno, who also serves as producer, says the is appropriate for students in grades 9 through 12. The show's content will be dictated by the results of a survey he recently conducted with 300 local high school students.

"We wanted to understand the issues that were most affecting young people today," says Paterno.

His research found that drug and alcohol problems and AIDS were of most concern to high school students.

Upcoming shows will feature guest student co-hosts, call-in programs where high school students can air their grievances and discuss issues, movies and music reviews, and interviews with students in local malls.

WPSC-FM operates with 200 watts and broadcasts to an area within a 30 mile radius of WPC.



Carey and Lucariello receive 'I Dare You' Leadership Award

Essex County Executive Thomas J. D'Alessio (left) presents Lwanda Carey of Irvington (center) and Dina Lucariello of West Caldwell (second from right) with the Essex 4-H "I Dare You" Leadership Award. The award recognizes personal integrity, balanced living, and potential for leadership. Also pictured are Essex 4-H Coordinator Mary Lou Mayfield (second from left) and Essex Freshholder Joseph Parlevocchio (right).

duCret holds student art show

PLAINFIELD—Art work by students from Plainfield's duCret School of the Arts will be on display in the exhibit areas of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside from Monday, February 1st to Friday, February 26th, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The selected multi-media works of art will include

prints, oil paintings, watercolors and photography. Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

For more information about viewing the display, please call Children's Specialized Hospital at 908-233-3720, ext. 379, or duCret School of the Arts at 908-757-7171.

Profiles of waiting Children

Latesha attends a regular sixth grade class and receives remedial instruction for math and English. She is a very likeable child with an outgoing personality. She is receiving therapy to address issues of rejection and self-esteem. Latesha wants very badly to have a family of her own. A family that enjoys teenagers would reap many rewards helping Latesha develop into a productive young lady.

According to the Essex Adoption Resource Center, the state has over 70 children waiting to be adopted, ranging in age from infancy to adolescence. An adoptive parent does not have to be wealthy or own a home, but can be almost anyone who is at least 18 years of age, single, married, separated or divorced in good health and wants a child to love. Subsidy monies are available, including Medicaid. For more information, call 201-680-3530.

Latesha (r), African-American female, D.O.B. 7-14-79



'Who's Who' for 1993

Rori Catherine Corrales, a junior-year, Political Science/History/Religion major from Newark; Rosita Gabourel, a junior-year, Accounting/C.P.A. major from Jersey City; Janet Joseph, a senior-year, nursing major from Jersey City; Marie Salmberg, a senior-year, nursing major from Irvington; and Matthew Stevens, a junior-year, sociology major from Orange are among the 17 students from Bloomfield College who have been selected to appear in the 1993 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges."

Amy Castrovinci, Christa Kozoriz, Hanh Le, Majid Mirza, and Rashmi Patel of Jersey City; and Celestino Esteves of Hillsdale are among the twenty-five Jersey City State College students who have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 1993.

All of the students join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning throughout the United States and several foreign nations. The students were selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

SAT and GRE prep at JCSC

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer review courses for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) through its Saturday Semester Program this spring.

Both courses will meet on the JCSC campus at 2039 Kennedy Boulevard.

The SAT Review will meet 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, January 30-March 6. Designed to assist students who are preparing for the SAT examination, the six-week course will provide a review of the specific material covered on the test.

The GRE Review will meet 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, February 13-March 27. The course will provide a review of questions typically covered on the GRE.

To register, or for more information, call the JCSC Saturday Semester Office at 201-200-3089.

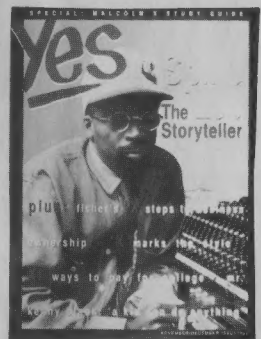
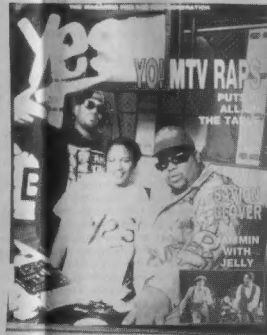
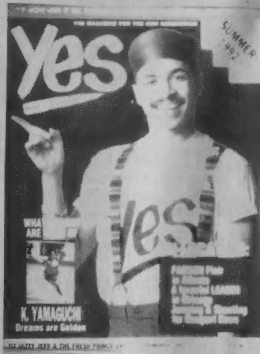
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YWCA seeks former FEM participants

ORANGE—During these tough recessionary times, it is difficult for families to work and provide adequate child care for their children, especially when the family consists only of a young high school girl and her baby.

The FEM (For Exceptional Mothers) Program has helped many young mothers by providing a safe place for their children, in addition to giving them guidance during and after their pregnancy. The YWCA of Essex and West Hudson is searching for individuals who were active participants in the FEM program.

FEM provides support services to young and expectant mothers. Since its beginning, the program has helped over 100 teenage mothers on their way to independence. Services include instruction in pre-natal care, parenting classes, physical education, and other parental guidance courses.

In addition, participants receive one-to-one counseling on a regular basis. This helps them through the emotional strain that occurs during and after pregnancy.

In celebration of FEM's 17th anniversary, the YWCA is urging former participants to come and share their experiences, good or bad, with young women currently participating in the program.

There will be a videotaped—roundtable discussion with an open dialogue. The tape will be used as a learning tool for FEM participants to view, discuss and hopefully encourage them to seek success and achieve their goals.

For more information, please contact Denise Baskerville at 201-672-9500.

Governor proposes plan for greater parental involvement in children's education

TRENTON—Governor Jim Florio announced he will lead a new state partnership forged with the PTA to boost parents' involvement in their children's education—a goal he called a "prerequisite for real reform."

PASS—Parents Actively Supporting Schools—outlines six simple rules parents can follow to help their children succeed in school. A public awareness campaign will officially begin in January utilizing brochures, posters and packets about the program for parents and students. The program is partner-

ship with the Governor's Office and the 250,000 member state PTA.

"Actively involving parents is more than just another goal. It's a fundamental change that can make all our other goals more attainable," the Governor said. "The ideas we're advocating aren't new. The PTA has been calling for them for years. Put into practice, they can create a new energy and spur new solutions to improve our schools."

Under PASS, parents are encouraged to:

child's education

- Know their child's teacher and principal and talk to them periodically
- Remain involved in their children's education through high school
- Talk to their child about their schoolwork and make sure they complete homework every night
- Keep abreast of school and district issues

Join the local PTA
"We need to redesign our system so that

parents and students are at the center of the learning community, not the bottom of the education hierarchy," the governor said. "But parents, even dedicated parents, can't accomplish this realignment alone. Government has a responsibility too."

He added, "By working together and sharing responsibility for our children's education, I believe schools and parents can recapture that sense of common purpose that has made the American educational system the best in the world."

Join the fight against health-care fraud

by Emma Byrne

It seems that everyone these days is talking about health care reform. But one thing that everyone agrees on is that health care is just too expensive.

But somehow, consumers believe they have no control as individuals when it comes to holding down the cost. Some don't care. After all, insurance will pay for it, right?

Wrong.

Consumers who say nothing when health care professionals "rip off" the system wind up costing all of us more money through higher insurance premiums.

A vigilant consumer is the first line of defense in the fight against fraud. What can you do?

I check all my medical bills carefully. Did you receive all the treatment or services listed? Were there really three visits instead of five?

I never sign a blank insurance

claim form.

I ask every service provider for a list of fees and charges.

I know that it's illegal for a health-care provider to waive your co-payment and simply add it to the insurance claim form.

I know that physicians must now tell you in writing if they, or their immediate family, have ownership in any health-care facility to which they are referring you, such as a laboratory, radiology clinic, or physical therapy facility. Physicians

who bought an interest in any such facility after July 30, 1992, are forbidden by law to refer patients to that facility.

Above all, if you suspect fraud, contact the appropriate state licensing board and your insurance company.

Join the fight against health care fraud. Be a partner, not a victim.

To register a complaint against a provider, contact the appropriate state licensing board: NJ Board of Medical Examiners, 609-292-4843;

NJ Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 201-504-6395; NJ Board of Dentistry, 201-504-6403; NJ Board of Nursing, 201-504-6430; NJ Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers, 201-504-6435; NJ Board of Optometrists, 201-504-6440; NJ Board of Orthotics and Prosthetics, 201-504-6445; NJ Board of Pharmacy, 201-504-6450; NJ Board of Physical Therapists, 201-504-6455; NJ Board of Psychological Examiners, 201-504-6470; NJ Board of Respiratory Care, 201-504-6485.

Consumers could become storm victims when buying a used car

NEWARK—New Jersey Consumer Affairs Director Emma Byrne cautions consumers who may be in the market for a used car within the next two years that the car they are buying could have been totaled as a result of the recent storm.

"We are very concerned about the sheer volume of cars that will be appearing on used car lots and at auto auction lots over the next year or so," she said. "Many of the hundreds of vehicles that are today being 'looted' by insurance companies are going to be sold to new owners who may have no idea they are buying a flood-damaged vehicle. We don't

want to create a whole new class of innocent consumer victims who may be buying problems."

Byrne explained that the salvage pool companies are buying vehicles from insurance companies and presumably planning to repair and resell them both in and out of state. She said that an insurance company must apply to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for a "Salvage" title for every vehicle it totals.

If and when that vehicle is repaired, the salvage company may take that car to DMV for a special inspection. If the vehicle passes inspection, DMV will issue a new title with the letters "SF" (Salvage/Flood). That SF designation will remain as part of that vehicle's title identification number for the life of that vehicle.

In order to protect unsuspecting consumers over the next few months or years, Byrne urged prospective

buyers of used cars to take the following precautions:

• Ask to see the vehicle title before signing any sales contract.

• Each Certificate of Title issued by DMV has a number of designated categories that consumers should be aware of: F - flood; S - salvage; P - police; T - taxi; M - mileage exceeds the mechanical limits; A - actual mileage; N - not the actual mileage. More than one indicator may appear under "Status" in the upper right corner of the title.

• The title of a flood-damaged vehicle will contain the letters SF (Salvage/Flood) if the vehicle was salvaged as a result of flood damage.

• If consumers choose to purchase a "Salvage" vehicle, they should know that the full cost of the repairs is their responsibility.

"Consumers may very well choose to buy a flood-damaged and repaired vehicle. We're simply say-

ing that they should not do it blindly," Byrne said. "They may be getting a good price, but they should know that the vehicle was in a flood and they may or may not have problems with the car at some point."

For example, vehicles that have been submerged in salt water and sand may have pitting and corrosion problems that appear several years after the incident; wheel bearings may develop problems after a period of months because of grinding sand in the mechanism.

Byrne also noted that the Division has received a number of calls regarding prices charged for towing cars out of flood areas. She said that consumers who may have had their cars towed out of flood water by a towing services should know that each municipality has approved rates for towing and storage companies doing business in that town.

Also, towing and storage rates

for cars that have been stolen or that were involved in an accident may not be higher than the State's established fee schedules for those services. Consumers who think they've been overcharged can contact their local Consumer Affairs office or the State Division of Consumer Affairs at 201-504-6200.

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for details



Angel tree bears gifts

Approximately 300 Christmas gifts were collected by Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center for Plainfield-area needy families. Alice Klemle of Edison, P.T., manager of the medical center's Rehabilitation Medicine Department (left) presents gift to Debbie Prescott, staff supervisor of the Plainfield Health Center, one of the agencies that distributed the gifts.



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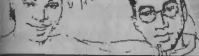
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CITY NEWS — The Heartbeat of the City

Ruby Dee's 'The Disappearance' at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—The legendary Ruby Dee will bring the words of award-winning novelist Rosa Guy to life on the Crossroads Theatre Company stage as the adapter and narrator of "The Disappearance," which will have its world premiere January 19 through February 21.

As Crossroads' Black History Month production, "The Disappearance" will be in previews January 19-24 with the Gala Opening Night performance on Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

"The Disappearance" was adapted by Ms. Dee from Ms. Guy's 1979 suspense novel by the same name. Filled with intrigue, it tells the story of Imamu Jones, a 16-year-old from the streets of Harlem who has just been acquitted of the murder of

a grocery store owner. He is taken in by the middle-class Ainsley family who live in a tree-lined Brooklyn neighborhood populated by West Indian immigrants. When the Ainsley's 8-year-old daughter Perk disappears, suspicions fall on the reticent, sometimes hostile Imamu.

Directed by Harold Scott, the play features original music by the Emmy Award winning composer H.G. Thompson.

The work is the first in Ms. Dee's "Books With Legs" series. Ms. Dee envisions the series as "a different way of enjoying a story" and a way to encourage and enhance reading. Her theatrical adaptation, with a male and female narrator, allows Ms. Guy's descriptive prose to leap to life on the stage while maintaining the integrity of the

author's style and rhythms. As the female narrator, Ms. Dee heads a distinguished company of actors and designers in "The Disappearance." Stage, screen and television veteran Carl Lumby is the male narrator.

Performances of "The Disappearance" are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. There are no Tuesday evening performances February 9 or 16. Sunday evening performances are January 24, February 14 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Noon matinees have been added for Black History Month on Wednesday, February 17; the Thursdays of February 4, 11, and 18.

For single tickets, call the Box Office at 908-249-5560. For group sales, call Ros Neal at 908-249-5581, ext. 17.



Ruby Dee and Carl Lumby, background, are the over-present narrators as Ann Ainsley (portrayed by Lynda Gravatt), second from right, introduces 16-year-old Imamu Jones (portrayed by Khalil Kani) to his new foster family home in the world premiere of "The Disappearance" at Crossroads Theatre Company in New Brunswick, Jan. 19-Feb. 21. "The Disappearance" is adapted by Ms. Dee from the novel by Rosa Guy with music by H.G. Thompson.

Photo by Rich Pipeling

Author points to Rodney King as America looks at Martin

CHICAGO, IL—The beating and death of Detroit motorist Malcom X, controversies surrounding the "Cop Killer" recording by L.T. reports of prosecution leaks in the Rodney King trials; and renewed respect for Malcolm X gain greater perspective in a new book that examines contemporary racism and rebellion in America.

"For the naive, the Los Angeles uprising was seen as a riot," from "The Rodney King Rebellion," by Brenda Wall, Ph.D.

The book, "The Rodney King Rebellion: A Psycho-political Analysis of Racial Despair and Hope," is particularly timely in January, as Americans revisit the birthday, life and nonviolent philosophies of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The author, Brenda Wall, Ph.D., a Dallas-based media personality and psychologist, reminds readers that Rodney King represents many African-American men who encounter police. Not every beating is as violent, but the abuses—physical, verbal, questionable, or extreme—tend to be handled with the same routine.

According to Dr. Wall, "the major dynamics for maintaining

control and oppression" over African America 1993 consist of four easily recognizable patterns:

(1) criminalize and confuse—a disproportionately high number of African-American men have police records and are described one-dimensionally

(2) discredit background—point to the consequences of racism and poverty and blame the victim

(3) play up exceptions—point to the disproportionately few success stories to neutralize the greater messages of oppression

(4) maintain the chaos—for example, children often can find drug dealers, while police cannot.

Dr. Wall also looks at the aftermath of the King verdict as it affects African-American youngsters. Like everyone else, children saw the 56 blows in 87 seconds and the "not guilty" verdict of the all-white jury. Children also saw the results of the neighborhood combat zone: school interrupted, churches burned, 52 corpses, 2,400 injured, 8,800 arrested, 20,000 unemployed and \$735

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'Nothing But A Man'

A timely classic to be re-released in February

NEW YORK—Thirty years ago a small, independent feature that was cast of mostly unknown actors was made. Little did anyone dream, that it would become one of the most highly acclaimed films of the 1960's earning it a spot in film history.

Starring Ivan Dixon, Abbey Lincoln and Gloria Foster, "Nothing But A Man," like the more contemporary releases "Boyz n the Hood" and "South Central," takes an unpretentious look at the condition of being black in America and the battles that one man must wage against intolerance and the invisible chains of accommodation to simply be recognized as a "man."

Written/directed and produced by Michael Roemer ("The Plot Against Harry") and Robert Young ("American Me", "Extremities"), the film is as relevant today as it was in the 60s, and it addresses the very issues of concern in the black community, issues that today's young black filmmakers have focused on—the problem of young men growing up fatherless, the frustration caused by the uneven balance of power; the pervasive climate of racism in America; race relations; the breakdown of the black family; and the consequences of trying to break the vicious cycle of oppression.

In its initial release, the film was overlooked by most major studios but was eventually distributed by a small, independent group who catered to a predominantly white art house audience. Because these particular theatres discouraged black attendance, the majority of black moviegoers at the time were unable to see the film. With the re-release, all moviegoers, especially the African-American audience, will finally have an opportunity to enjoy this masterpiece on mass, something the filmmakers and cast members are very enthusiastic about.

The film will be the focus of special screenings and celebratory events, sponsored by the Black Film Makers Foundation and the Coalition of 100 Black Women, prior to its official release by Original Cinema (in association with New Video Group) on February 19 at the Film Forum.

'Black America On Stage'

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library will celebrate African-American History Month with a unique festival of events highlighting the African-American's contribution to American Theater. The festival will feature a major exhibition with a lecture by the curator, a concert of Black show tunes, and a series of staged play readings and performances.

The exhibition, "Black America on Stage," which opens on January 15 and runs through March 18, will encompass three floors of the Main Library and span two centuries of the origins and development of popular entertainment, drama, and commercial and institutional Black Theater.

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NOW THRU FEBRUARY 28

NEW YORK—Artist Mary Frank's haunting images of African animals are joined with the evocative writings of author and explorer Peter Matthiessen in "Shadows of Africa" in the Zoo Gallery at the New York Zoological Society's Central Park Zoo. The gallery, just outside the Central Park Zoo's main entrance at 64th Street and 5th Avenue, is open to the public free of charge every day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

NEWARK—In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Essex County College's 25th Anniversary, ECC is proud to present "An Evening with Langston and Martin," starring Danny Glover. The program will be held at 7 p.m. in the Physical Education Building. Admission is \$10. \$5 for students and senior citizens. For more info call 201-877-3208.

JANUARY 15 THRU FEBRUARY 12

WOODBURGE—The Barron Arts Center has a cure for the January blues. An exhibition entitled "Winter Thoughts" will open, with an artists' reception from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The public is invited. The exhibition will continue through February 12. For more info call 908-634-0413.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

UNION—The "Snow Queen" will be performed as part of Kean College of New Jersey's Children's Hour series at 2 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre. All seating is reserved. Tickets are \$5. For more info call the Box Office at 908-527-2337.

JANUARY 19 THRU FEBRUARY 21

NEW BRUNSWICK—The legendary Ruby Dee will bring the words of novelist Rosa Guy to life on the Crossroads

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Theatre Company stage as the narrator of "The Disappearance." For tickets call the Box Office at 908-249-5560.

JANUARY 27 THRU FEBRUARY 21

METUCHEN—The Forum Theatre Group will present "The Heidi Chronicles," Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are

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\$22 to \$26 with discounts for students, seniors and groups. For more info call the box office at 908-548-0562.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present "Futur" on the Ritz," a tribute to the immortal music of Irving Berlin at Symphony Hall. For ticket info call 201-624-8203.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra raises \$135,000 at 70th Anniversary Gala



Philip Thomas (right) of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Tom Moran (left) and Barbara Russo (center) of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts attended the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's 70th Anniversary Gala on November 18.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

SOMERVILLE—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce joins the Hillsborough Business and Professional Association to host a business networking social from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Jasper's Restaurant, Rt. 206 South. Admission is \$30.

\$10 for members.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

FANWOOD—The Central Jersey SBT User's Group will hold its next meeting at Stefano's Restaurant at 7 p.m. For more info on the group or to reserve space in advance call the group's sponsor, Patricia Sigmom, at 908-889-6300.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

BARTAN—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce will present a comprehensive estate planning seminar to be held at the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$75, \$65 for members (an additional \$15 discount if paid by Jan. 10).

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First Fidelity's 'Help Desk' can simplify mortgage applications

NEWARK—Ask anyone who's been through it — applying for a home mortgage isn't always easy, especially if you are a first-time homebuyer with a low- or moderate-level of income.

For these applicants, First Fidelity Bank's Mortgage Help Desk is simplifying the mortgage application process. The Help Desk is a pre-purchase mortgage counseling service that can be reached by dialing toll-free 800 numbers in three different First Fidelity regions.

"For many first-time homebuyers, the preparation process necessary before purchasing a mortgage can be intimidating," said Jerome D. Greco, senior vice president and director of Public Affairs for First Fidelity Bancorporation. "Our Mortgage Help Desk can assist homebuyers by advising them

on information and documents they should have before they apply, and will answer questions about mortgage eligibility and purchase."

The Help Desk provides would-be homebuyers advice about government programs for which they may qualify, and will walk applicants through the First Fidelity mortgage application process, providing assistance in completing the documents.

The Help Desk also describes special home mortgage programs available through First Fidelity that offer below-market rate loans at reduced fees and flexible mortgage insurance rates. These mortgages are being made available to low- and moderate-income families through agreements between First Fidelity and community coalition groups in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Greco said an additional feature of the low- to moderate-income mortgage program is a review of loans that are initially declined.

Prospective homebuyers can pick up their application kit and worksheet at their nearest First Fidelity branch office. Or, once a

sales contract is signed, the application kit can be mailed. The Mortgage Help Desk numbers are:

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SBA seeks disadvantaged firms for contracting program

NEWARK—Stanley H. Salt, district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), has announced that the Newark District Office is actively recruiting small construction, service and manufacturing firms owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to participate in the SBA's 8(a) program.

According to Salt, the 8(a) program — named after Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act — authorizes the SBA to enter into contracts with other Federal Government Agencies in need of goods and services. The SBA then subcontract the actual performance of the work to small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged firms.

"Socially disadvantaged individuals are those who have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice, or cultural bias because of their identification as members of certain groups," said Salt.

African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific Americans and Subcontinent Asian Americans have been designated socially disadvantaged.

An individual who is not a member of one of the above-named groups may apply by establishing his/her individual social disadvantage on the basis of clear and convincing evidence of discrimination.

According to Salt, an individual's social disadvantage must stem from his or her color, ethnic origin, gender or physical handicap. Members of groups not designated by the SBA must demonstrate that they have personally suffered social disadvantage in order to qualify for the 8(a) program.

Salt defined economically disadvantaged business owners as "Socially disadvantaged individuals unable to compete in the free enterprise system due to diminishing capital and credit opportunities."

In order to be eligible for the 8(a) program, a small business concern must be at least 51 percent owned, controlled and daily operated by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged persons. Their firm must also be in business at least two years.

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3. Review and approval of bid documents and bids.
4. Legal opinions regarding Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.
5. Representation of Authority regarding employee matters.
6. Preparation of board resolutions.

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Please submit all proposals to Lawrence R. Jackson, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 3 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than February 5, 1993.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, New Jersey, is requesting proposals for provision of the following described services:

Preparation of said Housing Authority's 1993 Comprehensive Grant Program Application, including all required materials, data, and supporting documentation, for submission to HUD; and related services.

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An American Ceremony

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personally and professionally, was given by William Henry Harrison in 1841. His speech — the longest on record at nearly 8,500 words with a two-hour delivery time — was deemed "appalling" by his friend Daniel Webster. It also cost the president his life. Harrison delivered the speech in frigid weather without the benefit of a coat, hat or gloves. He caught pneumonia and died within a month of his inauguration.

Chances are Harrison would not have been speaking outside if it had not been for Henry Clay. The inaugural ceremony was held indoors — in the chamber of the House of Representatives — until 1817, when Clay, speaker of the House, refused to allow the senators to bring their "undemocratic" plush chairs into the House chamber for the swearing-in. President James Monroe ended up delivering his inaugural address from the steps of the U.S. Capitol building, where it is held today.

While the oath and speech have remained inaugural constants, the ceremony has evolved over time, and each incoming president has put his personal stamp on the proceedings. Over the years, ancillary events such as balls, parades and special programs reflecting the style of the incoming administration have become a standard part of the fanfare.

Teddy Roosevelt wore a ring containing a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair. Jimmy Carter walked the length of the parade route to show his communion with the people; and George Bush introduced a "George to George" theme to his 1989 inaugural — which happened to be the 200th anniversary of George Washington's first inaugural. Flags, seals and music of Washington's era were prominent in the festivities, and Bush took his oath of office on Washington's Bible.

This January 20, the Clinton administration will have the opportunity to present its style and vision to the nation. And as we look to the new year, we will, as Americans have done for the past 204 years, look to our president with hope for a bright future.

As I See It

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unable to overcome that deficit. Even as we write there is persistent rumor that this may be Larrie Stalks's last term as Register.

Gossip has it that Stephanie Bush's best political insurance was her ability to move up to bigger and better challenges in the public arena when she was tapped to head the state department of Community affairs.

The new kid on the block appears to be Quilla Talmadge, a former East Orange councilwoman whom the county leadership picked to fill out Bush's unexpired Assembly term. How long the honeymoon will last for Quilla is anybody's guess. She's advised to enjoy it as long as she can because nothing is guaranteed to be of long duration.

But back to Sara Bost. Could be she is not worried about her future as a freeholder because she's planning to hitch her wagon to a brighter star in her hometown of Irvington.

Running for another political office with two terms as president of the board of freeholders under her belt may be the right winds she needs under her sails.

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Nominations for influential African men

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women. Some are female leaders, but many are simply prominent personalities. To Ebony's credit — and perhaps because it truly wants to be objective — probably the most influential living African American in the world is left off annually. That person is "Ebony's" very own founder, John H. Johnson.

Africans throughout the world look to and read his publications religiously. Now that is influence and power!

We acknowledge and respect Johnson Publishing Company's leading position, especially when

it comes to recognizing Dr. King. At the same time, we also remain critical of Johnson Publishing Company for two reasons: (1) not moving with or stepping with the African world and becoming an "Incorporating African World Magazine" and (2) not acknowledging the role and clout of dozens of African educators, women and men — especially our college presidents.

The purpose of this particular column, however, is to begin soliciting feedback and nominations for a list of 25 Influential Contemporary Men of African descent, which of course, includes

Dr. King.

During the coming months, we will continue to seek your nominations and opinions, primarily because an effort such as this should not be confined to one or two months and also because Dr. King was only one giant among many.

As this effort goes as planned, during the spring, we will commence a similar list of Influential Women of African Descent.

For the sake of establishing some initial parameters and discussion, most of the men whom we are beginning the list with are African Americans. This is not to

imply that the majority of our African world comes from the United States. In fact, we propose that perhaps the opposite may be the truth. Therefore, we truly encourage readers to call or write to inform us of additional outstanding Africans worldwide — past and present. Also, give us feedback on our initial list.

The initial 13 men are as follows: (1) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; (2) the Honorable Elijah Muhammad; (3) Minister Malcolm X; (4) the Honorable Louis Farrakhan; (5) the Honorable Marcus Garvey; (6) Emperor Haile Selassie — Ethiopian monarch; (7) Rev. William Gray — United Negro College Fund (UNCF); (8) the Rev. Jesse Jackson; (9) Jackie Robinson — baseball legend; (10) Dr. Kwame Nkrumah — first president of Ghana and Pan Africanist; (11) Publisher John H. Johnson; (12) Dr. Carter G. Woodson — historian, and (13) "Black Enterprise" Publisher Earl Graves.

Send nominations or correspondence to: Keith O. Hilton, "Hilton Higher Education" columnist, 3139 North Garey Avenue, Suite 1001, Pomona, California 91767, or call 909-899-0650.

Author points to Rodney as America looks at Martin

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million in property loss — as conservatively estimated by the Los Angeles Police Dept.

Young surfaced in questions that adults, who also felt powerless, found hard to answer. Once again, those who children look to for protection failed them. Dr. Wall observed.

Dr. Wall also notes that blacks with increasing incomes often over-identify with "establishment America" and under-identify with the African-American community. She encourages all blacks to participate in solutions that begin with the real recognition of oppression.

Dr. Wall provides suggestions for solutions as America moves on to other crises. A spirit of power she concludes, "will correct the course of Christopher Columbus, finally, after 500 misguided years."

The Rodney King Rebellion is published by African American Images in Chicago.

Msgr. Linder honored

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This month marks the 25th anniversary of the birth of NCC. Each month since September of 1992, in recognition of the anniversary, the residents and staff of New Community have focused on a different issue.

This month's focus will be on the volunteers that have made NCC so prosperous, providing about 284,256 hours of volunteer service each year. The programming will be pushed back to February, however, because of the inauguration.

When asked how he felt about being honored, Msgr. Linder remained ever modest and turned the spotlight away from himself. "I think it's a great opportunity to focus on low-income communities," he said. "We need to focus on low income people because the numbers are growing."

He added, "It's also a great opportunity for New Community to gain moral support and attention."

Father Linder, 56, is the only New Jersey resident among the 53 honorees. It is an honor that is well deserved.

A partnership for Black America

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ments of black politicians on the state and national level may represent a new sphere of influence for the African-American community.

"The November election produced 14 new African-American members in the House of Representatives and increased the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) members to 40. This represents...an unprecedented opportunity to use this increased black political power, in concert with outreach of the nation's black publishers, to produce a broader voice for Black Americans," Fields said.

Quinton Lawson, Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; Arthur Fletcher, Chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; and other national leadership figures, will join NNPA publishers at the Disney Yacht and Beach Club Resorts for the conference. Those interested in the leadership meeting can call 202-662-7323 for information regard-

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be curated by Dr. Helen Armstrong-Johnson, professor emerita, York College of CUNY and director of the Armstrong-Johnson Foundation for Theatre Research.

On Thursday, January 21, at 7 p.m., Dr. Armstrong-Johnson will present a lecture further detailing the history of Black theatre in America and elaborating on the origins of the memorabilia in the exhibition.

The East Lynne Theatre Company, a professional theatre company specializing in the perfor-

mance, preservation and study of the American theatrical heritage, will present:

- "Rachel," by Angelina Grimke, 1916, directed by Barbara Lewis, on January 30;
- "Appearances," by Garland Anderson, 1925, directed by Ernest Wiggins, on February 6;
- "The Escape" or "A Leap for Freedom," by William Wells Brown, 1858, directed by Arthur Brown, on February 13;
- "The Black Doctor," by Ira Aldridge, 1846, directed by Darryl Croxton, on February 20.

All of these presentations will be at 2 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Auditorium.

The Newark-based Ensemble Theatre Company, which has a regional reputation for the presentation of new avant-garde plays by young, emerging African-American playwrights, will perform "Tight Ropes," by Kimberly Mandisa Howard, and "Africanus The King," by Kabu Okai-Davies on February 23 at 7 p.m.

The Newark Boys Chorus, under the direction of Gwen Pino, will present a concert of Black Theatre

music on February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The Festival will present two programs especially for children: "African-American Songs and Stories," by Therese Folkes Plair, on January 23 at 2 p.m.; and a play, "The Story of A Tree," performed by the New York Children's Theatre, on February 20 at 2 p.m.

All the events are free and open to the public. For more information call The Newark Public Library Program Hotline at 201-733-5643. The Library is located at 5 Washington Street in the James Street Historic District of Newark.

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